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NAVY BLIMP CRASHES INTO SEA WHILE SEARCHING FOR AKRON

ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE OFFICERS

Nanchang Pirates To
Be Approached.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION NOT TO
BE SENT

Tokyo, To-day.

A message from Newchwang states that the Japanese authorities, in co-operation with the British Consular officers in Newchwang, are preparing to send as intermediaries to the pirates who attacked the "Nanchang" the same men who effected the release of Mrs. Muriel Pawley and Mr. Charles Corkran.

As the safety of the British captives is of paramount importance, the authorities hesitate to send a punitive force against the pirates, lest the latter make reprisals against the captives.

The pirates' letter, brought back to Newchwang by Mr. F. L. Pears, third engineer of the "Nanchang," makes no provision for the delivery of a reply and the signatories are unknown.—Reuter.

Armed Guards For
British Ships?

QUESTION FOR ADMIRALTY

London, To-day.

The question will be put to the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell in the House of Commons to-day, as to whether, in view of the kidnapping of the four officers of the a.s. Nanchang, he intends to afford armed protection for British vessels trading on the Chinese coast.

The Daily Mail, in a leading article, emphasises that the Nanchang affair may be only one of many similar incidents, and hopes that Sir Bolton Eyres-Monsell will be able to promise more effective protection in the future.

If the pirates cannot be hunted down and executed, the only remaining course is to revert to a system of armed guards aboard British ships, but for this purpose, men must be available.

The reappearance of piracy in the Far East is one of the most unwelcome consequences of the recent heavy reductions of the Navy, the newspaper states.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DUMPING INTO INDIA.

Bill To Protect Textile
Industry.

New Delhi, To-day.

The Government of India has sanctioned the introduction at the current session of the Assembly, the Anti-Dumping Bill, with the object of protecting Indian textiles and other industries against Japanese competition.—Reuter.

BOXER INDEMNITY PAYMENT.

Holland's Share
Remitted.

The Hague, To-day.

It is understood here that the remittance to China of the Dutch portion of the Boxer Indemnity paid since January 1928, is being made in accordance with a demand for the liberation of the Bill passed some time ago.

The Bill authorises the Netherlands Government to spend the money in accordance with the Chinese Government's demand for the liberation of Chinese and Dutch ships.—Reuter.

BRITISHERS' ORDEAL IN MOSCOW

VICKERS' EMPLOYEES TERRIFIED

19 HOURS' INTERROGATION REVEALED IN WHITE PAPER

London, To-day.

The tedious efforts of Sir Esmond Ovey, British Ambassador to Moscow to obtain information regarding the charges on which the six British employees of Metropolitan Vickers, Messrs. Alan Monkhouse, Nordwall, W. Thornton, J. Cuthay, W. H. MacDonald and C. Gregory, were arrested, and to secure a trial that would not be a secret inquisition is detailed in a White Paper issued here yesterday.

The paper outlines the correspondence between the Soviet Foreign Office and the British Ambassador since the first arrests were made on March 12. Sir Esmond Ovey has recorded that Mr. Monkhouse was interrogated uninterruptedly for 19 hours at Lyubianka and that he admitted reporting to Metropolitan Vickers periodically on the state of business, based on the information of the Company's engineers.

The interrogators declared that it was criminal espionage to acquire information except from officials.

Mr. Monkhouse also agreed that 25 of the Company's turbines were faulty, mainly through the Russians insisting on a departure from the standard of the machines. In every case, the Company had taken rapid steps to repair the defects.

Prohibition Of Soviet Goods.

BILL PASSES FIRST READING
IN COMMONS.

London, To-day.

The Russian Goods and Imports Prohibition Bill was introduced into the House of Commons yesterday, and formally read for the first time. The text of the Bill gives power to prohibit the import of all Russian goods except by a Board of Trade Licence.

In regard to goods which are manufactured partly in the Soviet Union and partly in some other country, it has to be proved that 25 per cent. of their value is attributable to processes undergone since they left the Union. The proclamation does not apply to goods for re-export.

The measure comes into operation on April 18, the day after the existing Anglo-Russian trade agreement expires.

The Government's Bill authorising the prohibition of importation of Russian goods provides that it shall be lawful to prohibit, by proclamation, the importation of all goods grown, produced and manufactured in the Soviet Union.—Reuter and British Wireless Service.

Labour Oppose Bill.

"ADEQUATE GROUNDS NOT
DISCLOSED IN WHITE PAPER"

London, Later.

After the second reading of the Russian Prohibition Bill is moved in the House of Commons to-day, Sir Stafford Cripps, former Solicitor-General on behalf of the Labour opposition, will move a rejection of the Bill on the ground that the White Paper does not disclose adequate grounds for the Government's demand for the liberation of the Metropolitan Vickers employees without a trial for the purpose of money in a statement with the Chinese Government on the importance of common Chinese and Dutch ships.—Reuter.

Sir Esmond Ovey alluded to his visit to the prison on March 14 to see Mr. Thornton and Mr. Cuthay, both of whom had evidently "been through it." They were too terrified to speak.

The final communication of March 16 relates to an interview between Sir Esmond Ovey and M. Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar.

The former declared that the question was not one of Sovereign rights, but was whether Russia was a country in which it was possible for Englishmen to live and trade.

M. Litvinoff said that strong terms would not have the slightest effect on the Soviet Government.

Sir Esmond Ovey expressed bitter disappointment at the "deliberate sabotage" of the Anglo-Russian relations. He was the Ambassador who had opened the relations, and was apparently also doomed to close them.—Reuter.

Prior to their release on bail, Messrs. Cuthay, Thornton and Gregory had indictments read to them, charging them with political and military espionage and wrecking machinery. A bribery charge was also preferred against Thornton.

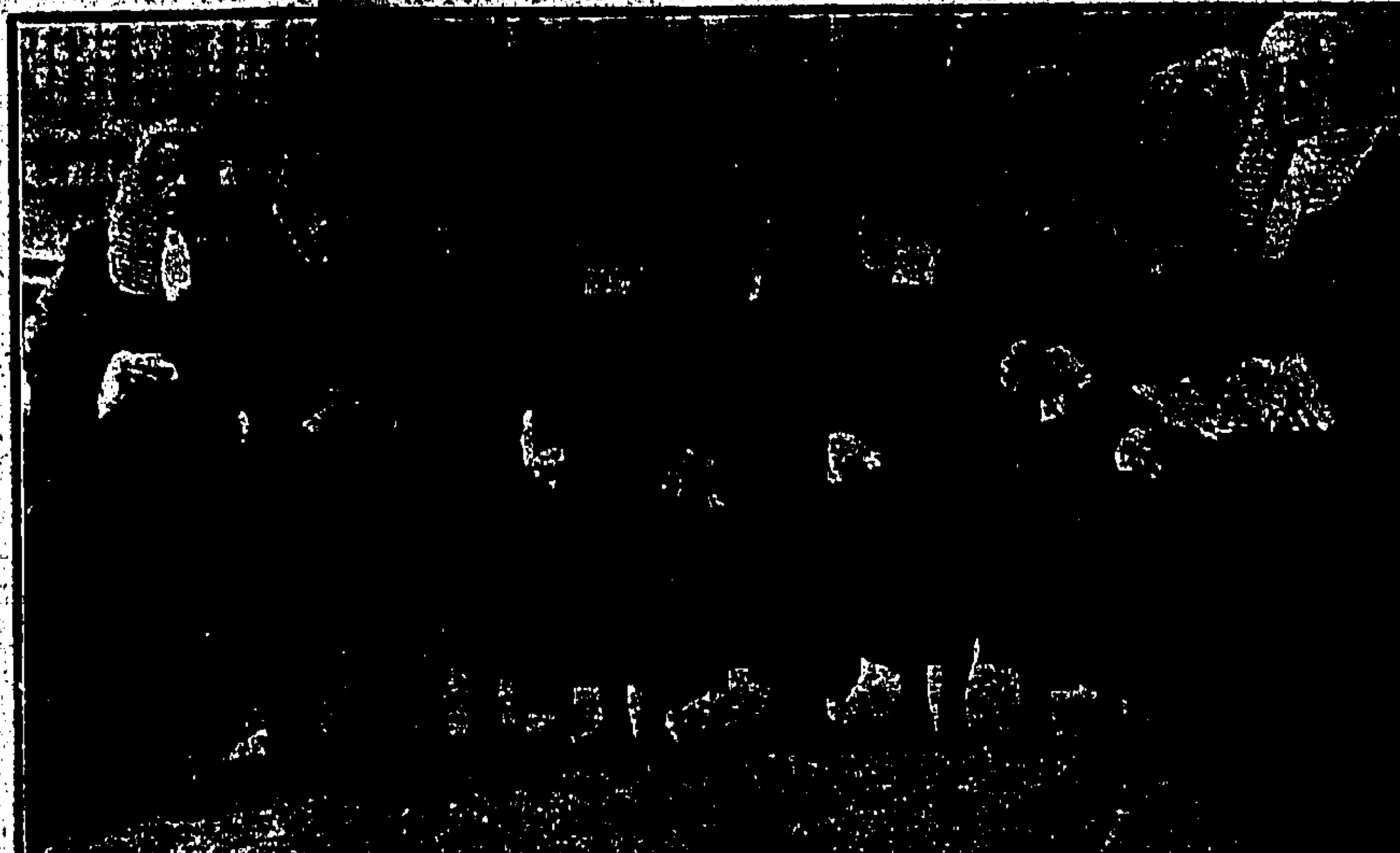
All the accused men have entered a general denial of the charges. It is understood that Russian counsel have been offered for their defence.—Reuter.

PARIS TO TOKYO FLIGHT

French Aviatix Nears
Calcutta.

Karachi, To-day.

The French aviatix Mlle. Maryse Hils, who left Paris on Saturday, is expected to arrive in Calcutta on Monday. She is the first woman to fly from Europe to India. She is accompanied by a pilot and a mechanic. The flight is part of a series of flights to promote aviation in India.—Reuter.



Twelve new baronets have been appointed to the rank of King's Counsel. Some of the new K.C.'s leaving the House of Lords—(L. to R.) Lewis Nod, K.C., Sir William Cope, K.C., Gilbert Hugh Bayfus, K.C., Herbert David Samuels, K.C., Innes Harold Strangor, K.C., Arthur Morley, K.C., Frederick James Tucker, K.C., Wilfrid Clothier, K.C., William Thomas Cresswell, K.C.—(S. & G.)

BRITISH COTTON EXPORTS

Expansion Of Trade
To China.

EFFORTS OF OVERSEAS TRADE
DEPARTMENT

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Major D. L. Colville Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade informed Mr. A. E. L. Chorlton, Conservative Member for Plating, Manchester, that the Overseas Trade Department was endeavouring to secure a further expansion of British cotton exports to China by co-operating with the cotton industry and by other practical means.

With reference to the question as to whether any arrangement was being made with the Japanese, that point had not escaped the notice of the Government. Major Colville said.—Reuter.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SERIOUSLY ILL

Sir J. Salmond Returns
To Office.

REPLACES HIS BROTHER

London, To-day.

It is officially announced, that Air Chief Marshal, Sir John Salmond, who recently retired, is returning to the Air Ministry to replace his brother, Sir Geoffrey Salmond, who is seriously ill.—Reuter.

Sir John Salmond, C.D., K.O.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., the retiring Chief of the Air Staff was appointed to that rank in 1929. He entered the Army in 1901, reached the rank of Major-General in 1917, and Air Marshal in 1925. In 1917 he was Director General of Military Aeronautics and a member of the Army Council. From 1925 to 1929 he was Principal Air A.D.C. to the King.

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KING CONGRATULATES EVEREST FLIGHT EXPEDITION

Great Achievement Brings Many
Congratulations

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King has sent a message to the members of the Everest Expedition, congratulating them on their wonderful flight over the summit. The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and the Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, are among the many others who have sent congratulations on the successful achievement.—British Wireless Service.

BRITISHERS HELD IN BERLIN

Ambassador Makes
Inquiries.

CHARGES NOT YET KNOWN

London, To-day.

A question was asked in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the arrest in Berlin of two Englishmen, Mr. Gordon Catchpool, head of the Berlin branch of the Society of Friends, and Mr. Geoffrey Kraser, formerly employed by the Transocean Wireless News Agency.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Capt. Anthony Eden, said that he was informed that both these men are detained in the Polizeipraedidium in Alexanderplatz.

In the case of Mr. Catchpool, the British Ambassador was already in communication with the German authorities with a view to ascertaining the nature of the charges against him. Meanwhile permission has been asked for the British Consul to visit him.

Inquiries were being made in Mr. Fraser's case.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. Fraser was taken from his bed by Nazi auxiliary police and carried off to an unknown destination. He was dismissed from a German news agency recently on the charge of being a Communist.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

First Meeting Fixed
For June 1.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO
MEET ON APRIL 22

London, To-day.

It is provisionally arranged that the Organising Committee of the World Economic Conference will meet at Geneva on April 22.

The first meeting of the Conference, it is hoped, will be held on June 1.

MR. ROOSEVELT DESIRES
EARLY START.

Paris, To-day.

President Roosevelt's desire for an early conference in Washington of expert representatives of a few of the Powers, on the draft agenda for the World Economic Conference was yesterday discussed by Mr. Norman Davis and M. Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister.

The latter did not object to the proposal.

Mr. Davis will see M. Daladier, the French Premier, to-morrow, and will then return to London.—Reuter.

AIR LINER CRASH SENSATION

Inquest On One Of
Victims.

SON ADMITS VOSS WAS
WORRIED BY DEBTS

London, To-day.

The jury will probably have to decide whether Yoss was an innocent victim or whether he met his death as the result of a malicious act by his son, said a Manchester Courier yesterday, opening the inquest on Mr. Albert Yoss, one of the victims of the "City of Liverpool" air disaster.

Mr. Hugo Yoss, son of the deceased, gave evidence that his father had been worried by debts. He said that he had seen his father in a state of distress and that he had been unable to help him. The inquest is expected to continue to-morrow.—Reuter.

SECOND U.S. AIR DISASTER

Five Of Crew Feared
Drowned.

TWO RESCUED BY
SEAPLANE

Storm Causes Tragedy

London, To-day.

Another terrible United States dirigible disaster, involving the loss of five lives, has followed close on the heels of the U.S.S. Akron tragedy.

According to a New Jersey message, the Naval blimp J4, while searching for survivors of the "Akron," yesterday, was caught in a tempest when flying at a low altitude, and crashed into the sea.

A seaplane was rushed to the scene and although in gross darkness, managed to rescue two of the crew.

It is, however, feared that the remainder of the men are drowned. Full details of the second accident have not yet been received.

74 Dead In Akron Disaster.

The United States Navy Department announce that the officers and crew aboard the airship "Akron" numbered 77. The apparent death list is therefore 74, since of the four survivors, one has died.

Those missing include Admiral W. A. Moffet, American delegate to the London Naval Conference, and Commanders Berry and Cecil, the Commanding Officers at the Naval Air Station. The four men picked up were Commander Wiley, executive officer, Chief Wireless Officer Copeland, and two members of the crew named Erwin and Deal. C. W. O. Copeland has since died.

Hope of rescuing the other members of the crew is almost abandoned, a persistent search by ships and seaplanes has been hampered by fog and rain.

British people are deeply shocked by the event and the utmost sympathy is felt for America in her national disaster. Many messages of sympathy have been sent.—British Wireless Service.

The Captain of the s.s. Phoebe, the first ship to reach the scene of the "Akron" disaster, gives a graphic description of the finding of the wrecked dirigible.

During the height of a violent thunderstorm the lights of the aircraft were seen flashing on the water, and lifeboats were immediately put off to pick up survivors who were clinging to pieces of floating wreckage. Many of the ill-fated crew were seen to sink before help could reach them.

MONTAGU NORMAN RE-ELECTED

London, To-day.

The Bank of England yesterday elected Mr. Montagu Norman as Governor for a second term. He was re-elected by a large majority. This is the first time since 1920 that he has been re-elected. He was first elected in 1920 and served until 1929. He was then elected again in 1929 and served until 1932. He was then elected again in 1932 and served until 1933. He was then elected again in 1933 and served until 1934. He was then elected again in 1934 and served until 1935. He was then elected again in 1935 and served until 1936. He was then elected again in 1936 and served until 1937. He was then elected again in 1937 and served until 1938. He was then elected again in 1938 and served until 1939. He was then elected again in 1939 and served until 1940. He was then elected again in 1940 and served until 1941. He was then elected again in 1941 and served until 1942. He was then elected again in 1942 and served until 1943. He was then elected again in 1943 and served until 1944. 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The WOMAN'S Page



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PINK POPULAR.

Pinks are having a certain showing this season. Jenny, favouring the brighter shades, shows an evening dress of pink lace with a belt and inset bow at the back of deeper pink velvet. Mainbocher shows a dress in pink kasha; Schiaparelli adds a crinkly pink scarf to a golden-beige dress. The warm browns, coppers, old golds, burnt oranges and others of this family are also well represented in the newest fashions.

BUTTON SECURITY

If you really care about how your clothes look, the majority of buttons simply must come off when remove the buttons, run a single stitch of white thread through the spot to mark exactly where they should be put on again.



Washing Ties

Many people are afraid to wash ties at home, but if care is taken the operation may be performed with every success. Silk ties should not be washed in ordinary water, but always in bran water.

Obtain the bran water by boiling two good handfuls of bran in a large saucepan of water for several hours. Then strain and immerse the ties. Wash them thoroughly and keep the ties as flat as possible in order to avoid crumpling the lining.

Finally rise carefully, and iron the ties under a damp cloth with a fairly hot iron.

JACKETS LOSING FAVOUR.

It is reported that Paris is tiring of the jacket theme and is casting about for something to take its place.

It is only logical that the cape theme be the follow-up, for it fits in perfectly with the high-waistlines and other picturesque details of the mode.

MAKE-OVER DRESSES

Plain dresses, left from last year, can be made over perfectly with a little printed silk. You can either make a waistcoat and collar to put on right over your dress, fastening with a fancy buckle in the back, or you can set in a double-breasted little vestee, make a stitched belt of the silk and long cuffs of the silk.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Oyster Soup Crackers
Celery Pickles
Buttered Beets
Bread Butter
Fruit Salad
Steamed Fig Pudding Foamy Sauce
Coffee

Oyster Soup, Serving Six.
½ pint small oysters
1½ quarts milk
4 celery leaves
2 sprigs parsley
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon finely chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1½ cup butter

Mix milk and seasonings. Heat in double boiler ten minutes. Strain and add to oysters, which have been heated for two minutes. Add rest of ingredients and serve in hot bowls.

The oysters should be carefully inspected to remove all shells before they are cooked. The oysters can be added to the milk whole, cut in halves or chopped.

Steamed Fig Pudding.
4 tablespoons fat
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chopped figs
Cream fat and sugar. Add rest of ingredients and beat two minutes. Half fill buttered moulds. Cover tightly and steam two hours. Serve with foamy sauce.

Foamy Sauce.

1½ cup butter
1 cup confectioner's sugar
3 egg yolks
2 cups boiling water
3 egg whites beaten
1½ teaspoons vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
Cream butter and sugar. Add yolks and water. Fold in whites. Cook five minutes in double boiler. Stir constantly. Add vanilla and salt. Mix well and serve.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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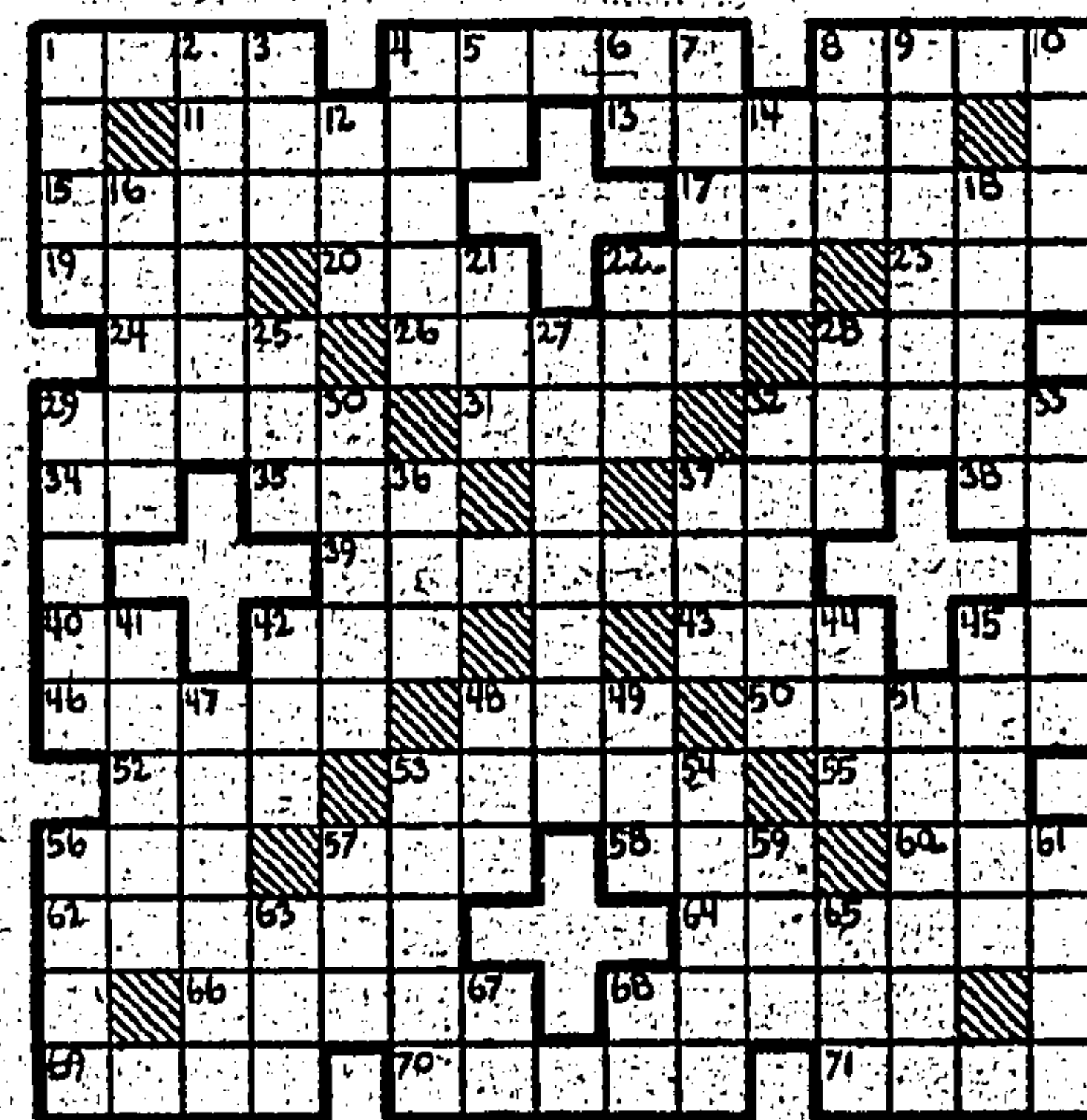
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Thin
4-Drill
8-Stump
11-Nude
12-Flavor
16-Result
17-Driving
18-Part of the foot
20-Metric land measure
22-An insect
23-Rambo (abbr.)
24-Anger
25-Residue of a fire
28-Borrowful
29-A flower
31-Series
33-A ray of the 6th century
34-Myself
35-Guided
37-Frenetic
38-Egyptian sun-god
39-Race-course in England
40-Negative
42-A beverage
43-Recent
45-Exile
46-Fancy
48-Solence
50-Kingdom between Tibet and India

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

52-A fish
53-North American buffalo
55-Make a mistake
56-Conflict
57-Decay
58-Strike lightly
60-Worthless leaving
62-Render soft and tough by heating
64-Baser
65-Ancient
66-Smallest
68-A small pastry
70-Bottom of the feet
71-Harbor

VERTICAL

1-A short guitar
2-To place between other things
3-Bird's claw
4-Earth (Lat.)
6-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
6-Exists
7-The nostrils
8-Turf
9-Belonging to tribes
10-Paper containers
12-A New Zealand parrot
14-Contend

VERTICAL (Cont.)

15-Rattle
16-Opposed to zenith
21-A letter
22-A waver
25-Snake-like fish
27-Device for heating
28-So (Scott)
29-Emend
30-Kingdom
32-Gloss
33-Ship of the desert
36-Expire
37-Japanese coin
41-A musical wind instrument
42-Swiss river
44-Small
45-Kind of granite
47-Gainer
48-An island
49-Summit
51-Quick (Sp.)
53-Tree trunks
54-Titles
56-Desire
57-Fragment of cloth
58-Chinese plant
59-Ivory's gait
62-Consumes
63-A serpent
67-Land measure (abbr.)
68-The (Fr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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BRIDGE NOTES

FOUR WAYS OF BIDDING **WHY THE DIRECT SYSTEM IS BEST.** (By CAPT. LINDSAY MUNDY)

A short time ago I read an article on four different ways of bidding the hand set out below. Three systems, one of which was my direct system, were quoted; and held up to ridicule, the fourth method, that of common-sense or natural bidding, being upheld.

This is the hand:
S-K Q x x x
H-K Q x x x
D-x
C-Nil.

And the four methods of bidding it were tabulated and commented on thus:

"Culbertson.—No bid. This is farcical!"
"Joshua Crane.—One Spade. No reason given. It counts 13, and that's enough. Can anyone ever learn bridge this way?"

"Capt. Mundy.—Two Spades. See remarks under Joshua Crane. But Mundy's bid is better."
"Lt.-Col. Buller.—Three Spades or Four Spades."

I am not sure that this is quite fair to Culbertson. It is only for One Bid that he requires two and a half or three honours-tricks, and I rather think he might open with a "shut-out" bid of Four on this distribution.

I agree with the disapproval expressed for the One Bid, because it gives an inadequate idea of the strength of the hand.

Strength Correctly Stated.
I do not quite understand the "No reason given" which is placed against my bid of Two. The sections on Two Bids, Three Bids, and Four Bids in my book give very ample reasons why I select the Two Bid. The Two Bid is chosen because that bid gives a true statement concerning the number of probable tricks in attack which the hand holds, and because bids of Three or Four give untrue and misleading information about these probable tricks.

An additional reason, if any be required, is that it is most desirable to show both suits so as to let the partners choose between them if that is in any way possible. If the hand were one trick stronger than it is, then the Two Club convention would enable both suits to be shown as a matter of simple routine. As it is we can only take the course most likely to afford the opportunity of doing so.

With an initial Two-bid there are two ways by which this opportunity to show both suits may arise. If the responder has a trick and a half, he will make some bid. Failing that, there is a great probability that the opponents may bid a minor suit.

The article in question points out that there may be a game in Hearts, even though the responder has a worthless hand, but that it "certainly cannot be found either the Culbertson way, the Crane way, or the Mundy way." Certainly "the Buller way" of bidding Four Spades can never find it, but I have shown how "the Mundy way" has a good

chance of doing so.

The "Shut-Out."
"Bull-points" urged in favour of the Four-bid are, first, that there is no defence against a slam bid in a minor suit, and that a Four-bid will almost certainly "shut-out" any interchange of information on that point. On the day on which this article was written, in the first hand of a rubber the dealer opened with One No-Trump. I, second in hand, held:

S-x
H-x
D-A Q x x
C-A J 10 9 8 x x

and passed, hoping they would remain in No-Trumps. They bid Three Hearts and Four Hearts. I then came in with Five Clubs, they went Five Hearts; my partner doubled, and they went down two, and I should have made a small slam in Clubs. The "shut-out" seldom works.

The next "Bull point" given is that game could be made in Spades if the responder held J. 10 or x x x in Spades and x x x in Hearts. That is quite true "if," and a very big "if," a Heart ruff is not obtained straight away, and if the trumps fall level in the case of the responder holding three small trumps. But the risks are incommensurate with the chance.

The only "Bear-point" given is that the Spades may be stacked against the opener. This is a big risk, too big to be taken needlessly, and it is averted by opening with a Two-bid.

A Bit "Bear-Point."
But there is another very big "Bear-point" which is not mentioned at all. Suppose the responder has three tricks, such as two Aces and a King, or two Ace-Queens, all in the minor suits. In this very unnatural form of "natural" bidding, is he to raise to a small slam or not?

If he does he will sacrifice the game, whereas a Four-bid in the Direct System, discloses nine probable tricks at least, plus possibilities, so that the responder with that holding could bid a small slam with safety.

By the expression "possibilities" I mean a holding such as A Q x, which counts 1½ probable tricks, but is turned into 3 tricks by the responder holding the King, for which he counts only half a trick, or into 2½ by his holding J 10, for which he counts nothing.

To sum up, an opening bid of Four Spades on this hand may, under favourable circumstances, have a beneficial effect. It is more likely to have a bad effect, as it may be heavily penalised, or may miss a game-going Heart bid, or may sacrifice game by inducing the responder to bid an unmakeable slam. But those are merely the bad effects it may have on that particular deal. Its bad effect on subsequent hands is of immensely greater importance, because it will render the opener's Four-bids quite unreadable to his partner.

ROUND HONG KONG'S **CINEMA THEATRES**

MAIL REVIEW**"SVENGALI"—QUEEN'S THEATRE.**

With the famous John Barrymore in the title role, "Svengali," a powerful film story of a mad megalomaniac music-master, declared by critics to be a film which will long be remembered, is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The picture, packed with thrills, suspense and a distinct thread of romance, was adapted to the screen from the famous stage play of a generation ago, "Trilby."

The story of "Trilby," the beautiful model who fell victim to the hypnotic powers of the evil Svengali, is a story which will live through the ages. Warner Brothers could not have picked a greater pair

(Barrymore and lovely Marian Marsh) for the two leading roles. The performances of John Barrymore always have been great, but he achieves his greatest triumph of either the stage or screen in his characterisation of the mad hypnotist.

MAIL REVIEW**"ONCE IN A LIFETIME"—CENTRAL THEATRE**

"Once In A Lifetime" featuring Jack Oakie of Revue fame is the current attraction at the Central Theatre.

The film which is a satire on production methods in the motion picture studios of Hollywood is uproariously funny.

The whole thing is wildly fantastic and winds up with small part actor directing scenes in studios. Taken as a whole the film is good entertainment and is well produced, with effective backgrounds.

MAIL REVIEW **TESS OF THE STORM COUNTRY** **—KING'S THEATRE**

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, the original screen (talkie) sweethearts, make their farewell bow to the public as a team in "Tess Of The Storm Country," now showing at the King's Theatre.

Adapted from the stage play by Rupert Hughes, the film offers good entertainment in a blending of thrills and romance.

If one regards a charming atmosphere and some bright performances as adequate compensation of an ingenious story, then the film is pleasant entertainment.

MAIL REVIEW**"CONDEMNED TO DEATH"—STAR THEATRE.**

"Condemned to Death" the film adaptation of the play "Jack O' Lantern" is now showing at the Star Theatre.

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MR. CHAMPKIN'S REMINISCENCES

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He said:—
Mr. Champkin said, I have noticed latterly that people have developed a deplorable habit of minding their own business! I dare say society is all the better for it, but there can be no question that this insidious inclination has dispossessed us in Hong Kong of many of the simple pleasures we formerly enjoyed. (Laughter). It is, probably also responsible for the fact that none of you know, and few of you will care when I tell you, that I spent some active and interesting years in Her late Majesty's Civil Service.

The great majority of the interesting characters I knew have long since gone, or, as a Civil Service poet in my days put it—

"... have quit this earth for regions brighter

Where the Board of Trade's not needed and the Treasury's unknown
And Cadets are on a level with the writer."

A few perhaps still linger on in retirement at Cheltenham, to which ancient city, for some curious reason, most Civil Servants gravitate on retirement.

Fortunately—though somewhat unjustly—I have no government pension (laughter) and after a lapse of some 35 years I suppose I am beyond the reach of official reprisals. I feel therefore that I can safely tell you something about the way you were governed from Whitehall in the very spacious days when Queen Victoria was on the throne and Lord Salisbury and myself were quite near neighbours in Westminster. (Laughter).

In my very junior capacity I had nothing to do with the Treasury. My affairs were regulated by the Civil Service Commissioners—a rather nebulous body whose personnel was never very intimately known.

The first office that I worked in was one of the biggest, and from the point of view of the taxpayer, one of the most profitable of the Government Offices, for it was not one of the spending, but one of the saving Departments. My immediate Chief was a very lugubrious Second Division Clerk. He seemed to be wrapped about in a mantle of mental mournfulness and gloom. He tried to be amiable sometimes, but it was that ghastly kind of amiability that may be found at an Old Boys Dinner at Laue Crawfords (laughter) or a tea-and-bun gathering at a diocesan conference—things that remind one shudderingly of cold boiled potatoes on a foggy night (laughter). After I left the Department—as a matter of fact it was mainly because I left—he developed rather a sunny disposition (laughter), and years later became, and I am glad to say he still is, one of England's greatest humourists—Mr. W. W. Jacobs, creator of that delightful trio of waterside rascals, Ginger Dick, Peter Risset and Sam Small. (Applause).

Domestic Crisis.
At that time I had an uncle who was something or other in the War Office. He viewed with grave misgiving my growing interest in the intricacies of backing one-two-three—anything—to come-on—the favourite-for-the-next and similar complicated ventures of a sporting

character. It was accordingly arranged that I should be transferred to his Department in what is now irreverently called the Battle Shuck. Unfortunately, somebody else's uncle got in first on the vacancy (laughter) and I found myself off the pay-list of my late Department and on the waiting list for another.

I hadn't to wait long. A serious financial crisis developed in Australia. It was a more serious crisis than the usual serious crises they usually have in Australia (Laughter). South Africa was seething with excitement following the Jameson Raid. Something happened in Barbadoes—the failure of the banana crop I think—and a Mad Mullah was waving the green banner of the Prophet in Somaliland. The strong silent men that pull the Empire together in these times of difficulty had need of help. Kitchener was still in the Sudan and anyway he was not a Civil Servant, so I found myself in harness again. (Laughter).

The Empire Reconstruction Office, as I shall conveniently call it, was, and in fact still is, situated in a quiet street opposite a quiet public house in a quiet part of Westminster. It seemed to me that there was a reassuring air of repose and tranquillity about it, or perhaps I should say a delightful atmosphere of aimless apathy and low-tensioned lethargy (Laughter). Of such is the Kingdom of the Boy Clerk's heaven and I felt quite at home there.

I had a very agreeable time there. The Head of the Department was closely related to the peerage but had a profound contempt for the idle rich (Laughter). He is now in the House of Lords where I am sure he spends most of his time in the Smoking Room extolling the virtue of working for a living (Laughter). It was part of my duties to make his afternoon tea. In return he gave me some invaluable hints on the colouring of meerschaum pipes. (Laughter). He smoked a meerschaum in preference to a briar because when he dropped it on the marble floor he was saved the effort of picking it up. (Loud laughter).

Back To Normal.
All good things, however, come to an end. The crisis in Australia subsided into the usual and normal critical conditions in Australia. (Laughter). Dr. Jameson went to gaol and South Africa went to sleep. The bananas grew again in Barbadoes and the Mad Mullah turned out to be merely an unusually sane Somali who had picked up some crazy ideas from Bernard Shaw about the ownership of his own property. (Loud laughter).

The Empire Reconstruction Office therefore regretfully gave me the sack. I think they felt very keenly that it was their loss rather than mine (Laughter). They put the blame on the Treasury and certainly I have never been sacked by the son of an earl in a more graceful and gentlemanlike manner.

I was transferred to Somerset House and when I heard the dreadful news I prudently took to my bed with a severe cold or something and let somebody else have the job. (Laughter). Contrary to general belief Somerset House is, or was, the most efficient, up-to-date and best managed Department in the Service.

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The Exhibition will be first of its kind in Hong Kong and will be opened on April 6 by His Excellency, Mr. Lau Ki-wen, the Mayor of Canton, who has graciously consented to perform this ceremony.

During the first six days from April 7 to 12, goods from Shanghai will be featured and for the remaining days until the April 21, Hong Kong and Canton manufactured products will be given prominence.

Prior to the opening ceremony, a large banquet will be given in honour of His Excellency, the Mayor, to which the Chamber of Commerce, various guilds, prominent Chinese and foreign friends and the press will be invited.

The public may recall the small exhibitions of Chinese silks which have previously been held, also the Mamequin Parade early last season, and may expect something really worth while from the united efforts of so many manufacturers.

Early in January an exhibition of this nature was staged at the Sincere's Store, Shanghai, featuring Chinese silk, woolen and cotton products and it is at the request of the Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton manufacturers that a similar display is being arranged here. The Exhibition is open daily and shall

Romance Versus Realism

No Playwright Excels In Both

THE TWO SCHOOLS

(By Sydney W. Carroll.)

From the earliest times the human material that has commended itself to playwrights of all nationalities and periods has been divisible into two distinct, and more or less opposing, sections, the realistic and the romantic. The only variation from these two definite types of play has been the piece that combines to a lesser or a greater degree the qualities of both realism and romance. Fashions alternate. Every now and again a new writer arises to put the clock back from one phase to the other. Rarely do we find playwrights able to excel in both.

A Change In Sight?

Lately the realistic has reigned for more than its usual length of time. I think that the turn of the romantic is somewhat overdue, and I say so with a full appreciation of the success that has attended such passionate efforts in realism as "Strange Orchestra," "Party," "Musical Chairs," "Children in Uniform," the revival of Mr. Galsworthy's "Loyalists," "White Parents Sleep," "Behold We Live," and last, but not least, Miss Dodie Smith's "Service," the successful successor to that semi-romantic comedy, "Autumn Crocus."

The authors of nearly all these pieces strive to produce the characters and the life of our times with an almost depressing fidelity. The last-named, it is true, deviates unethetically into the happy ending (rather obviously manufactured), but as the major part of the drama is faithfully and accurately reproduced from experience it may still be catalogued amongst the plays of realistic tendency.

Various Examples.

"Alison's House," at the Little, is an American effort in realism of a grim and forbidding kind, whilst "Evenson" is an interesting and successful blend of both characteristics. It is a very odd thing that on the romantic side of the ledger we must content ourselves either with musical plays or with farces. There are few others. I find certain romantic elements in Miss Gladys Cooper's "Firebird," but these are treated so realistically as to make the play rather wobble between the two methods.

"Road House," at the Whitehall, is definitely on the romantic side. The attention the playwright has given to the current realistic details of his story serves to show up its imaginative nature. The pure romance of our childhood's theatre seems totally to have disappeared.

Where are the "Prisoners of Zenda," "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and the "Two Little Vagabonds" of bygone days? The "Silver Kings" and the "Under the Red Robes"? The romantic costume play seems to have been consigned to perdition, for it has not even found its way permanently upon the screen. Occasionally the talkies take us back romantically to a bygone period, but very rarely.

Reverting to Miss Smith's "Service," this is surely one of the most remarkable examples of the composite piece. It is a comedy in which the author balances neatly upon a double thread of wire, jumping from real life to fairy story and back again with a Dickensian charm that quite disarms criticism. Her principal characters change their moods in the same manner as does her theme. The Head of the big business is duly commercial one moment, to be divertingly theatrical the next.

Essential Artificiality.

Oddly enough, the essential artificiality of all these people is cloaked so neatly with truth that they assume the conviction of real folk. The author has clearly had a deeply studied life in a big department store, and the knowledge of the characters that one may expect to find there is revealed with scrupulous attention to the symphony of all

though it is perfectly true that she shows us very little of the practical working of such an emporium, and we derive our main impressions from what happens in the offices of the concern rather than the shop itself, the fact remains that we are sensible of the store atmosphere and its truth.

It is a regrettable thing to have to admit the opinion that if the authoress of "Service" had told the unadulterated truth and pursued it to its logical conclusion, instead of indulging in rainbows, her play might have been hailed as a masterpiece, but might have been a financial failure.

Realism At Its Best.

One can only, of course, speculate upon such a result; adherence to veracity along with topicality might have been such a surprise as to bring about the approval even of the libraries.

The most striking play of realism in town at the present moment, and the one that calls for the greatest respect is, of course, "Children in Uniform." This adaptation of the play from which the very successful film was taken is so beautifully done and so full of courage that it claims the first consideration of everyone with a real love for the theatre. This is realism at its best. For a similar and corresponding example in the romantic field we may search in vain.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 5, 1933.

America Discovers A Leader.

While financial stability has by no means yet been fully restored in America the severity of the banking crisis has abated and conditions are gradually approaching a return to normal. Whether or not the United States will be able to maintain the gold dollar at its present high value is a matter for conjecture, but it is clear that most of the dangers which threatened a collapse have been removed. This result has been achieved by firm and decisive administrative action, and Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt has commenced his Presidential term of office in auspicious manner. No President of the United States has been inaugurated in the office amid more gloomy conditions than those which confronted President Roosevelt. A financial panic of proportions hitherto unknown was sweeping the country. In practically every State of the Union the banks were on "holiday" in order to permit the people to regain a feeling of steadiness. No banking system can stand up to an onslaught which is nation-wide; yet at the same time the constitution of the banking system may aid the cause which starts the panic. The United States banking system helped the panic. The inherent weaknesses of a system of regional banking such as the system of the United States is, a system primarily of small banks, make for want of confidence when fear gets hold of the people. The forerunner of a panic is ordinarily a stiff money market. Yet the money market of the United States has been extraordinarily easy for months past. There was then no want of currency or credit based on currency. Want of confidence grew up almost momentarily. Its origin was the fear engendered by the agricultural situation. The winter wheat crop, owing to drought, promises to be among the smallest. The yield anticipated is 50 per cent. down on the yield of two years ago. What would be the position of the farmers, already weakened by extraordinarily low prices for wheat and overwhelmed with mortgages, were they to get little crop this year? That is what the business people thought in the agricultural States where the crisis started. Purchasing power of the agricultural community, already gravely depleted, promised to sink to nothing. This came on top of the promise of lower foreign trade even than last

year, when it was the lowest of any year since 1905, and an expectation of a 2,000,000,000 dollars deficit in the national accounts. Well might Senator Borah say that the United States has lost not only its foreign markets, but its home markets as well, and that it was useless to attempt to balance the budget until prices of primary products were raised. No more fitting description of the state of mind into which the people of the United States have been plunged could be given than that of President Roosevelt in his inauguration speech. "The only thing we have to fear," he said, "is fear itself." The people have lost confidence in themselves, in their institutions. They have faith in their currency, but they want to be their own custodians. That is why the circulation is 1,000,000,000 dollars above the circulation of the boom period of four years ago. Some of them have lost faith even in their currency, and have taken to hoarding gold—100,000,000 dollars worth of it—and others have changed their notes for gold, 116,000,000 dollars of it and sent it out of the country. There has been a flight from the dollar, but in proportion to total dollar holdings it has not attained significant dimensions, and has been partially checked by official action. Here there has been the craze for liquidity in its most intense form. Holders have believed that debts contracted in boom times could not be liquidated in full at present price levels of commodities, which furnish the wherewithal for payment. The problem is to get the money back into commodities. President Roosevelt promises that he will deal energetically and rigorously with the crisis. If he is not able to effect what he desires by constitutional means (and these he will first explore to the utmost), he will act as though the emergency of the nation were one of war. That shows a resolute mind in himself, and in his advisers. It is in times of extreme stress that the electorate, in place of insisting on leading the politicians, prays for a leader, and for the time is willing to follow wherever he goes, provided he acts firmly and shows confidence in himself. President Roosevelt has grasped the essentials of the situation and the necessity for immediate action. Though he fixed the blame on the financial system, what he should have blamed more particularly was not the administration of the system, as he did, but its authors, who preferred weakness with rigidity before elasticity with strength. With this cry of speculation of 1929 stimulating his thought, an cry of which this crisis is the aftermath, he did well to remind his hearers that the destiny of man is not to be ministered unto, but to minister to himself and his fellow man.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Dinner With The Black Watch.

The annual dinner of the Black Watch Association (London branch) was held recently. It was a "splendecious" affair, distinguished by a congratulatory telegram from the King, who is, of course, Colonel-in-Chief, by the presence of General Sir Archibald Cameron, who has just been appointed Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, and by a vast display of "Red Hackle."

The famous plume which is called the Red Hackle is the particular pride of the Black Watch. It is worn in feather-bonnet, service cap, topee, tin-hat, and pyjama button-hole.

The sight of the Red Hackle has a depressing effect upon members of a certain English cavalry regiment which in 1795 nearly lost two guns against the French. The guns were rescued by the Black Watch at the last minute, and as a reward the British Commander-in-Chief transferred the right of wearing the red plume from the cavalry regiment to the Highlanders.

This particular C-in-C, Sir David Dundas, was himself a Scot.

Your Daily Smile.

Storing Up Trouble.

A man of 103 boasts that he has broken every dietetic rule. But he will suffer for it in his old age.

Green—with envy.

The fashionable colour for men this summer is to be green, I read. Well, my old once-blue suit should just about be right then.

Love's Old Suite Story.

The one to tell your wife when she wants some new furniture.

Backbone.

"It must take courage for a girl to wear some of the new evening frocks," says a writer.

ACTING ON ADVICE.

Some one in Atlanta has stolen a train. I suppose some one had told him to take a train.

Hook and Aye.

"Mother, I'm engaged!"

"Police Station Flooded?"

Facts You Did Not Know.

Behind the regular wings of an airplane invented by a Washington man is a pair that vibrates, his idea being that the latter will pull air over the front wings and increase the lifting force.

Passenger aviation in Brazil has increased steadily for the past five years, more than 4,300 passengers being carried on more than 4,300 miles of scheduled lines in the first six months this year.

Resembling a paint gun, a pneumatic sprayer has been invented to coat materials of almost every kind with molten metal, which cools so rapidly that it can be applied to textiles without burning them.

Personal Para.

Mr. H. Owen-Davies, of the Hong Kong Civil Service, arrived in the Colony, yesterday, by the S.S. Chichibu Maru, accompanied by Mrs. Owen-Davies, on their return from their honeymoon in Japan.

Mr. J. V. Crowe, manager of Wallan Hayer & Co., arrived in the Colony, yesterday, on the S.S. Chichibu Maru, from Shanghai accompanied by Mrs. Crowe.

Mr. W. C. Gomersall, manager of Boyd & Co., arrived here, yesterday, on the Chichibu Maru, from Shanghai.

That is what we have all had to come back to, and if the people of the United States adopt the President's saying "an ideal not for service to the United States alone, but for world service," the United States will not be long in putting its own house in order, and will help in restoring the peace and harmony of the world. It will be a great day for the world when the United States will be able to do this.

CONFERENCE ON DEBT ALONE IS DOOMED

"GIVE THE HUMAN FAMILY A CHANCE"

(By Senator W. E. Borah, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.)

The approaching World Economic Conference, in its deep significance to all peoples everywhere, is second to no conference since the one which met to make the Treaties of Peace and adjust international affairs at the close of the World War. One cannot think of it with its all but superhuman task without great anxiety.

If it should fail to formulate a programme for the solution of our immediate problems, indeed, if it should fail to bring distinct success in dealing with these matters, the world would face a long period in which nothing less than a full measure of human suffering would be the result. And one wonders just how much more the human family can endure.

Problems To Be Faced

As I see the Conference and its task, it is this: There are a number of unsolved problems coming out of the war or arising out of conditions superinduced by the so-called Peace Treaties. The world cannot recover, it cannot start to recover, until these problems are adjusted.

I do not look upon this Conference as a place for trading debts against this or that supposed advantage. It is not a horse-swapping affair.

The problem is: Can we find a programme which will give the human family a chance to come back, which will restore trade and commerce and permit the natural operation of economic laws? Into such a conference should be thrown for consideration all the questions which stand in the way of world recovery—the money problem, reparations, debts, economic barriers, and armaments.

Of course, I can speak for no one but myself, but I would not hesitate to use the debts in any way necessary to make the solution of these problems full and complete.

Mr. Chamberlain

It would be a great mistake to work piecemeal, to nibble, as it were, at these problems. In the presence of this task, timidity, want of vision, and lack of courage would amount to a betrayal of the interests of mankind.

What the United States wants are markets reopened, trade, and commerce restored, and the money systems re-established on a normal basis. To put it in another way, what all want is the restoration of the purchasing power to the masses. It will be extremely unfortunate if any of the leading nations are absent from the Conference. The

work will have to be thorough and complete in order to be effective, and it cannot be thorough and complete without all the leading nations consent and co-operation.

I have been intensely interested in Mr. Chamberlain's Leeds speech. I am wondering if it stated fully the attitude of his Government. If so, it is sufficiently discouraging.

What America Thinks

He discussed nothing but international obligations. The other problems—the currency question in particular—were not mentioned. If Great Britain has nothing to offer on these questions, we would have no justification in believing that our markets would be reopened or trade and commerce would be restored—no hope for any substantial rise in the prices of commodities.

A conference which is to be confined to international obligations is doomed in advance.

It must be borne in mind that this whole matter is in the hands of the people. Any adjustment would have to go before the Parliaments for approval.

It would have to be supported by strong public opinion. There does not seem to me to be the slightest chance of the American people approving of even postponement of the debts unless accompanied by the adjustment of those economic problems which now constitute in part, and the larger part, the cause for the world's disorder.

The Chancellor speaks of the American farmer, and seems to rejoice over the fact that light is apparently breaking in upon him. The American farmer is well advised as to present conditions and the causes of the same.

He understands well why he has lost his markets, and thinks he knows how they can be restored. He also knows enough to know that cancellation or reduction or postponement of debts alone will not bring them back.

If It Failed

If this effort to adjust the world's economic problems fails, it will not be because of the prejudice or provincialism or the want of information on the part of the farmer or the man in the street. It will be because those who are to control the Conference fail to take hold of and deal with these economic problems upon broad, comprehensive lines.

This must be a settlement, an adjustment, broad enough and just enough to command the conscience and conviction of the people generally.

BOOM IN AMERICAN LIBRARIES

Slump Makes People
Book-Conscious

CIRCULATION FIGURES

Chicago, Illinois. Americans are becoming more "book-conscious" thanks to the depression. They are discovering an institution lying virtually in their backyards—the public library.

The American Library Association declares that this is a national trend. The main reason the Association gave for the renaissance of reading was unemployment. "People are turning to books in their enforced leisure."

Figures gathered from large libraries over the nation revealed the Association announced, that their circulations had greatly increased during the past few years and were continuing to rise.

For example, during the past year 19,875,838 books were loaned by public libraries of Michigan representing a gain of 3,622,551 over the previous year, and country libraries in the State circulated 1,055,781 books as compared with 829,244 in 1931.

People are turning to the libraries for several reasons, the Association said. Those employed are staying to hold their positions; others have no jobs and are preparing themselves for when an opportunity comes. Still others seek the release from the "pleasure" reality in the past when which the covers of a book seemed to be a world of their own.

U.S. TOURIST PARTY ARRIVE.

Prominent Californians
Among Visitors.

Under the direction of the D. F. Robertson Travel Bureau, Los Angeles, California, a party of Californians arrived here yesterday on the M. V. Chichibu Maru.

This party is personally conducted by Mrs. Glenn C. Burbank who has made five tours around the world.

Included in the party are Mr. and Mrs. E. Beverly Scott of Beverly Hills, retired millionaire Real Estate operator, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Helms, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, one of the largest churches in California, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Myer, Cafe owner.

The party will visit China, Philippines, Celebes, Bali, Java, Sumatra, Malaya, India, Ceylon, Arabia, Egypt, Palestine, the Holy Land, Syria, Turkey, Greece, and on arrival at Naples, Italy, they will make an extended automobile tour through Europe.

SHE WON'T LEAVE HIM NOW!

San Francisco, California. Garlic can be eaten now without making the average consumer a "wall-dweller" for the remainder of the evening says Mr. Cravie, a local food connoisseur. "He has announced that he can eliminate garlic's odor by selecting pure garlic beans, grinding and boiling them and then pouring the oil with sugar," Reuter.

DR. KOTEWALL'S ADDRESS

"Adventures Among English Books."

ENGLISH ASSOCIATION'S FINAL MEETING

An interesting lecture on "Adventures Among English Books" was delivered by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall at the final meeting of the 1932-33 season of the English Association, held at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, presided over a large gathering, which included the following:

Lady Peel, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Sir William Hornell, Mr. Justice Wood, Mrs. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Professors R. K. M. Simpson (Hon. Secretary), F. A. Redmond, and C. A. Middleton-Smith.

My first adventure among English books occurred on the day I left school. When I brought home, on my last day at school, a book which had been awarded me as a prize for good conduct, my father was dumfounded. Having recovered from his shock, he asked me to name my reward for this surprising feat; and I told him that there was a 3-6d. book of history entitled "Epochs of English History" in a book-shop in Hollywood Road, on which I had set my heart for months. My father gave me the money, and I dashed off and secured the coveted volume, with what delight you can imagine. The next day it was my turn to receive a surprise. My father came home with a big parcel which, when opened, revealed to my enchanted eyes three sumptuous volumes, bound in full leather, and profusely illustrated with maps, charts, diagrams and portraits. It was Richard's "Cyclopaedia of Universal History." This book has been to me not only a mine of historical information, but also one of the most precious of my possessions, because of its sentimental association.

These, then, formed the nucleus of my collection of English books—a nucleus rather singular, and perhaps not very helpful to a youth in quest of the good things in literature.

Fortunately, a helpful guide soon came my way. This guide was a police sergeant.

Among the books I borrowed from him were, I remember, several volumes of Dickens, Thackeray and Scott; Longfellow's Poems; Lytton's "The Last Days of Pompeii"; Smollett's "Roderick Random"; and "The Beauties of Shakespeare" by that ill-fated divine, William Dodd, who had to pay the extreme penalty of the law for forgery.

One of the first volumes I quarried out of the Police Library was Robert Buchanan's "God and the Man," which deeply touched me at the time—a time when my mind was very impressionable. Buchanan wrote the book in expiation of the wrong he had done to Rossetti.

There is no doubt that pathos is most potent when first encountered in youthful reading. In this connection I remember being stirred to the depths by another book from the Police Library. It was "Beatrice" by Rider Haggard. Few novels I have read have moved me more than that story.

From the Police Library I graduated to the Public Lending Library in the City Hall. My chief of these days, Mr. F. H. (afterwards Sir Henry) May was my surety for enrolment. Among the first few books I took out of that library was Richard Jefferies' "Wood Magic" which kindled in me, what must have been lying dormant till then, a love of nature and of the open air. This book so whetted my appetite for nature studies and travel-pictures, in both prose and poetry, that for months afterwards I read scarcely anything but works on such kindred subjects.

This special penchant is as strong to-day as ever; for I go again and again—especially when the mind is untroubled, and there is a prospect of a quiet and undisturbed afternoon or evening before me—to the works of such master-interpreters of the ways and moods of Nature as Gilbert White, Richard Jefferies and Thoreau; as Stevenson and W. H. Hudson, Cunningham Graham and Edward Thomas, W. H. Davis and Stephen Graham.

In the days of my browsing in the Police and the Public Lending Libraries, I carefully noted the names of those books which had so delighted or instructed me as to make possession a thing to aim for. Impelled by this thirst for ownership, I contrived to put aside a

TRIBUTES TO LORD OXFORD

Memorial Tablet In The Abbey.

London, To-day. Tributes to the late Lord Oxford were paid in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, Mr. George Lansbury, and Sir Herbert Samuel on behalf of the three parties in the House when the Premier moved an address to His Majesty the King praying that a memorial tablet be erected on behalf of the House of Commons in Westminster Abbey to the memory of the late statesman.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY.

Pound Declines Slightly In New York & London

The local dollar remains unchanged at 1/3½. Silver prices, both spot and forward, also remained steady, the quotations this morning being 17½ and 17 5/16, respectively. Cross rates were this morning: £—G\$3.42, and £—G\$3.41½, for the London on New York, and New York on London; rates, respectively, as compared with, £—G\$3.42½, and £—G\$3.42½, yesterday.

655 COUNTERFEIT COINS

Two Money-Changers Gaoled.

VICTIZED VISITING CHINESE

How a money changer's shop carried on a profitable business by exchanging to Singapore and Malayan Chinese emigrants counterfeit Chinese 20 cent pieces for notes, was disclosed at the Central Police Court this morning before Mr. Wynne-Jones, when Leung Hi and Lo King Ho, money changers, were convicted on charges of uttering and having in their possession 54 and 601 counterfeit coins of 20 cents denomination at No. 1 Connaught Road West.

Sub. Inspector A. H. Elston who carried out the raid on the premises, in his evidence, stated that he entered the shop and showed the first defendant his search warrant.

Leung Hi, the first defendant took two rolls of coins and broke them in a tray. There were 82 coins, all of which were later found to be counterfeit.

Out of a total of 1,246 coins of 20 cent denominations, 655 were found to be counterfeit, the face value of which amounted to \$131.

His Worship convicted Leung Hi on both charges and sentenced him to the maximum term of 6 months' hard labour on each charge the sentences to run consecutively.

Lo King Ho was sentenced to three months' gaol on a conviction on the second charge.

News In Brief.

Chung Yun, a stone dresser working at a quarry at Tai-Kok, was fatally injured when a large stone which was being dressed above him, fell, crushing his ribs. He was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

Chow Wing, a Chinese female, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in an ambulance, suffering from severe injuries to the head sustained by jumping off a fast moving tramcar at Wanchai.

The farewell concert of the Schneider Trio will be held at the roof-garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, to-morrow, at 9.15 p.m. These three talented musicians are leaving the Colony, shortly, for South Africa and South America.

Chow Pui, a Chinese boy, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening, suffering from severe injuries and shock received by colliding into the back of a lorry at the junction of Queen's Road and Garden Road. He succumbed to his injuries later in the evening.

The Organizing Committee of the British Empire Fair to be held at the Peninsula Hotel next May, gratefully acknowledge contributions of \$200 from the British American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., and of \$100 from Messrs. Dowell & Co. Ltd., towards the expenses of the Fair.

SOLDIER DIVES ON TOP OF SHARK

Strange Experience Of Sydney Swimmer.

MISTAKEN FOR COMRADE!

Sydney. Swimming with troops of the 1st Medium Artillery Brigade at Cobblers' Beach, Sydney Harbour, Sergeant McCann had an amazing encounter with a large shark, at which he had clutched in the belief that it was the form of a comrade.

McCann was doing an underwater "stunt" when he made his mistake. He tried to get to shore but could not move. He tried to shout, but could not.

The shark heaved him to the surface, scraping the skin from his leg as it swished away from him. It swam under a girl bathing some distance away, and disappeared, making no attempt to molest her. McCann said he was in only a few feet of water with his hands on the bottom, and his feet above the surface.

"My eyes were blurred a bit from being opened under water, and when I saw a shape near me on the bottom I thought it was one of the chaps up to some fun."

"I dived at it," said McCann, "and then became so scared that I cannot remember much."

"It was a Shark! It lifted me out of the water, twisting its tail and tearing the skin from my toes on one foot and from the right leg as it scraped along me and swam away."

"I couldn't move—couldn't speak. Bates on the wharf shouted 'Shark!' and then they told me afterwards, looked in horror as the shark swam under a girl who was farther out. It did not attack her, but swam out to sea."

"It must have been from eight to 10 feet long, my mates believe. I'm sure it was," said McCann.

The shark apparently was basking in the shallows in the shade of the wharf when McCann disturbed it with the dive that might have cost him his life.—Reuter.

30 FATAL CASES OF SMALL-POX.

Colony's Health Returns

During the week ended on April 1, 36 cases of small-pox occurred, 30 of which proved fatal.

Other diseases which were notified to the Health Authorities were: diphtheria, three cases, resulting in two deaths; enteric fever, three cases, two deaths; paratyphoid fever, one case; and cerebro-spinal fever, 14 cases and three deaths. The total number of deaths from tuberculosis was 79.

On Monday four cases of small-pox occurred, three in Kowloon and one in Victoria. One case of cerebro-spinal fever occurred in Kowloon.

SPRING FESTIVAL.

Quarry Bay School Function

The Spring Festival of the Quarry Bay School was held yesterday. The boys and girls suitably attired, danced and sang around the Maypole.

To the melody of the "Spring Song," the May Queen, Miss Viola Rogers, made a graceful entry attended by two train bearers, and followed by the entire school.

Among those present were Mrs. W. T. Southern, Mrs. O. O. Borrett, Mr. N. L. Smith (Director of Education), Mr. A. O. Brown (Inspector of Schools), Dr. (Mrs.) Minnett (Medical Officer for Schools), and Miss Hilda Trefusis.

TALENTED DANCER AT PENINSULA.

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Appearing nightly in entertainment this week until Saturday, April 8, during the dinner dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel is Miss Neryof the accomplished and graceful exponent of classic dancing in strikingly original features.

Mr. L. Mirabel who renders the piano accompaniment for these artistic dances is a licensee of the Corporation of Public and the same works exceedingly well together.

To-Day's Short Story.

BY DECREE OF THE HIGH ONES

By Coutts Brisbane.

THE little tarts of apricots flavoured with garlic, the savoury duck with its mound of rice and well-peppered onions, the shark fin soup, and a double measure of well-heated wine had gone to their appointed place. With that feeling of peace towards all which only a well-bestowed inner man can confer, Dr. Hi Ho filled and lit his pipe, and puffed luxuriously.

He had had a very busy and profitable day, for his fame as a healer or had gone far abroad; he had but to hang out the scroll which proclaimed his name and accomplishments in any market place in all the province of Ho Nan to collect a crowd of sufferers clamouring for relief. From his place by the window of the aptly named restaurant, Rotundity-of-Circumference-Bestowed, Dr. Hi looked down the narrow, dirty street, through Ping-Chow's eastern gate and along the rough road over which he must soon be jogging if he would reach Sen-Yang, the scene of his next day's activities, before darkness fell.

With a sigh, the worthy doctor drew forth a fat purse and settled the bill. He would fain have lingered in this earthly paradise, but business was business.

Suddenly a clatter of hooves rose above the clamour of the street vendors, and a man, well clad in garments of a superior quality, though soiled with the dust of travel, threw himself from a lean pony, and, after a word with a beggar, entered the restaurant.

"Here is one whose rice bowl has never been empty!" quoth the keeper of the house. "Eminent-Turner-Away-of-Mortality, permit that I attend to his wants." But even as he turned, the newcomer, advancing with precipitation, inclined himself with due courtesy before the man of medicine.

"Have my eyes the sublime satisfaction of beholding—the highly esteemed Dr. Hi Ho?" he inquired.

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New York, Yesterday.			
Dow Jones Averages.			
Last To-day's Changes.			
Aver. Aver.			
30 Industrials	55.69	56.09	40 up
20 Rails	24.99	24.55	44 down
20 Utilities	19.33	19.33	unchanged
40 Bonds	74.14	73.78	38 down
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Industrial issues are acting better than rails, and it is possible that some industrial issue will show a further rise. Growing interest in being shown in commodity stocks, of which sugar issues were a leading example. In the wheat market profit-taking caused a reaction but prices rallied at the close. The cotton market has ruled quiet but steady. Silver prices advanced early in the day on trading, but eased toward the close. Business done—720,000 shares.			
Last To-day's Price			
Air Reduction	58	56	
Allied Chemical & Dye	74	77	
American Can	55½	54½	
American Tel. & Tel.	82	80	
American Tobacco	61½	61½	
Anacosta Copper Mining	6½	7	
Auburn	83	83	
Borden Co.	20½	21	
Canadian Pacific	7½	7½	
Chrysler Motors	9	9½	
Consolidated Gas of N.J.	40½	41	
Drugs, Inc.	30½	31	
De Font de Nemours	24½	24½	
Electric Bond & Share	12½	12	
General Electric	12½	12½	
General Foods	25½	25½	
General Motors	11½	11½	
Gillette Safety	12½	12½	
Int. Harvester	22½	22½	
Int. Harvester (Pref.)	90½	90	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	82	80	
Liggett & Myers	58½	58½	
Loew's Inc.	10	10½	
Montgomery Ward	13	13	
National Biscuit	34½	35½	
Pacific Gas & Electric	20½	20½	
Pennsylvania Railway	16½	16½	
Radio Corp.	8½	8½	
Sears Roebuck	16½	16½	
Standard Oil Co. N.J.	24½	24½	
Security Vacuum Corp.	64	64	
Union Carbide & Carbon	21½	21½	
United Pacific	68	68½	
United States Steel	27½	28	
Westinghouse E. & M.	23½	24	

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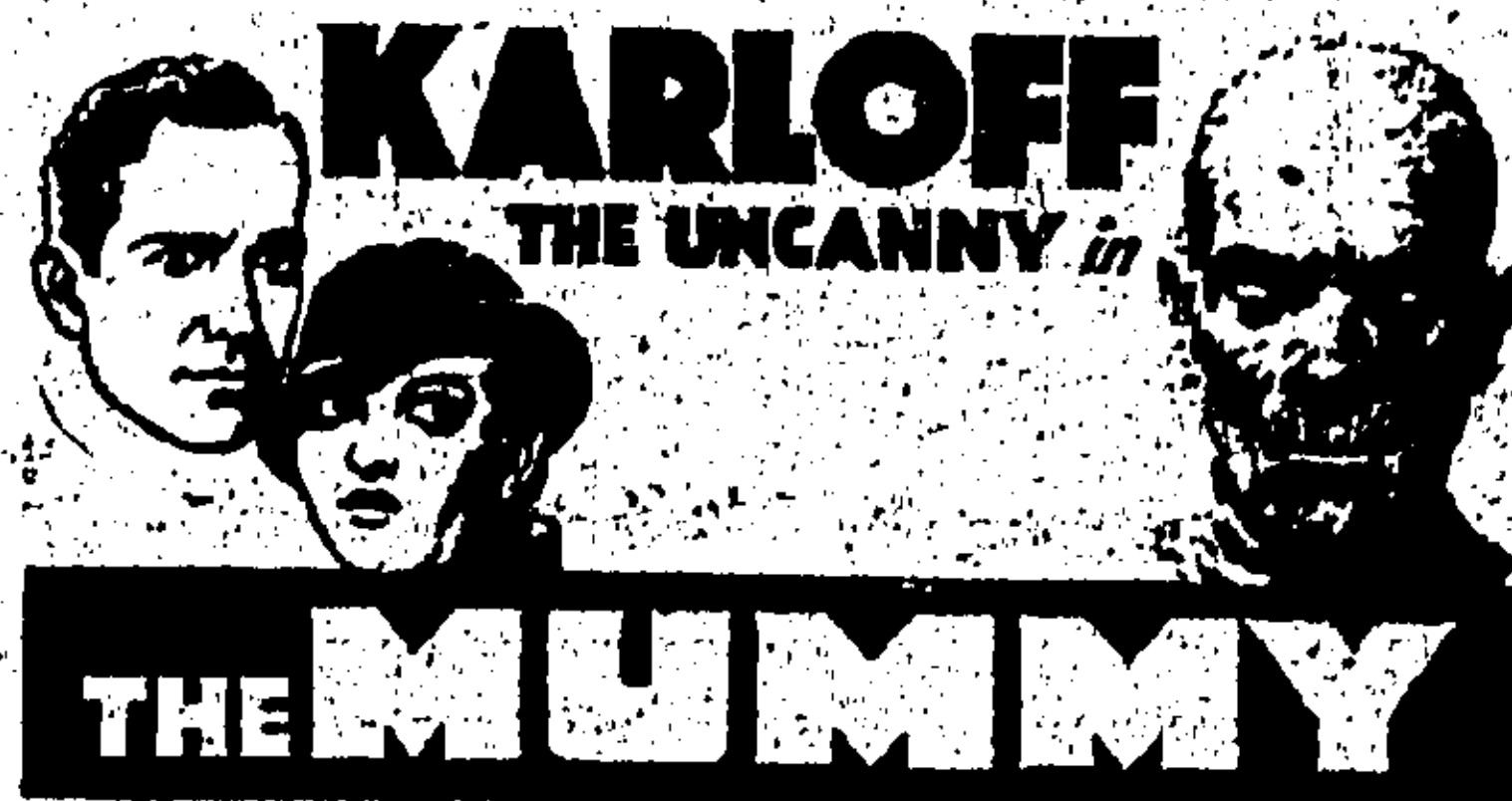
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The Army were the cleverer side, and fully deserved to win. A score of 3-1 would have about represented the run of the game.

On both sides the defence was good, and it was a pity the Army goalkeeper was not more highly tested because one of the English selectors was watching the game and Kent has been among the Services' players who have caught the selectors' attention. He did all he had to do well. Lieut. Grimston, at centre-half, however, was one of the best of the Army defence.

In the forward line Lieut. Foster, who took Parslow's place at centre, did quite well, but it might have been more advisable to have played him on the wing with Lieut. Hamilton and to have brought Lieut. Salew into the centre. Salew and Cook showed exceptionally good stick-work and, with Lieut. Fairbanks, were the most prominent of the Army forwards.

The Navy defence was excellent. Surg. Comdr. Phillips and Lt. Comdr. Rebbeck putting up a fine defence. Lieut. Sinclair was good at half, but did not feed his left wing enough. The forwards were fast and bustling. Lieut. Stephenson and Lieut. Collett being the best, but there was little good combination in the line as a whole.

Chances Missed

The first half of the game was quite even, neither side being able to score, but chances were missed by the Navy early in the game, both Stephenson and Roche being at fault. Cook had a great chance for the Army, but found a stumbling block in Phillips.

In the second half the Army front line combined better, and gave Mansergh in goal a lot of work to do. After saving shots repeatedly he was beaten by Foster shortly before the finish by a quick follow-up from a free hit just outside the circle. Foster just getting into the net before Mansergh could kick clear. Stephenson and Collett both had opportunities for the Navy, but finished weakly in the circle, and, in addition, they found Kent in fine form in goal.

Teams:—

Navy:—Comdr. M. J. Mansergh (R.N.C. Greenock); Lt. Comdr. (R.E.) E. Rebbeck (H.M. Yacht); Surg. Lt. Comdr. A. E. Phillips (Excellent); Sub-Lt. A. Davies (R.N.C. Greenock); Lt. E. N. Sinclair (Dolphin); Lt. G. A. Rotherham (Victory); Lt. Comdr. D. M. L. Neame (St. Vincent); Sec. Lt. N. U. V. Roche (Eastney); Lt. R. H. Stephenson (R.N.C. Dartmouth); Lt. G. K. Collett (Excellent) and Sub-Lt. R. I. Alexander Sinclair (Excellent).

Army:—Cpl. Kent (R.E.); Lt. W. B. Edge (R.E.); Lt. H. T. Heard (R.E.); R.S.M. Herbert (K.S.L.); Lt. G. S. Grimston (Queen's Royal Regt.); Sgt. Berry (Queen's Royal Regt.); Lt. G. P. Hamilton (R.A.); Lt. N. E. Salew (Essex Regt.); Lt. N. L. Foster (R.A.); Lt. C. W. Cook (A.D.C.) and Lt. C. B. Fairbanks (Sherwood Foresters).

CHINA'S SPORTS REVIVAL.

Shuttlecock Added To Athletic Events.

Canton, March 28.

The time-honoured Chinese game of shuttlecock, which has been for many centuries a favourite pastime with Chinese children, is now to share the tremendous enthusiasm shown by the Cantonese toward athletic contests. The Education Bureau has issued instructions to the schools and colleges in the various districts that shuttlecock play is to be encouraged and that matches are to be organized on the lines of modern sports competitions.

A set of regulations governing the playing of the game has been drawn up for league and individual matches. It has also been suggested that the game be included in the programme for athletic meetings in schools.

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BRITISH CHALLENGE TO AMERICA

Mr. Scott Paine's Miss
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THE Royal Motor Yacht Club has cabled a challenge to the Yachtsmen's Association of America for the British International Trophy.

Mr. H. Scott Paine is the issuer of the challenge. He has designed a boat which he believes will have a reasonable chance of victory.

Against the 7,800 h.p. total of the four Packard engines of the American defender he will use only one 1,300 h.p. Napier engine. He is pinning his faith to boat design, in which sphere his record of conspicuous successes may well justify him.

AMERICA PLEASED

The last-minute challenge issued to the Yachtsmen's Association of America by the Royal Motor Yacht Club, for the British International (Harmsworth) Trophy, has caused widespread gratification in motorboat circles here. The contest will be held at Detroit in September.—Reuter.

Mr. Scott Paine will himself drive the boat, but in accordance with the rules must take a mechanic with him.

The new boat will be Miss Britain III. The contest will take place at Detroit between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30.

To-day is the limit challenging date, and failing a challenge there would be no contest. Now that a challenge has been issued other challengers are entitled to come into the field, but at this late stage their appearance is not considered to be probable, as boats and engines cannot be produced in a hurry.

Mr. Scott Paine would not disclose details of his design, but he said that full-scale physical experiments had proved very "illuminating."

Schneider 'Plane Engine

The engine is the one that was fitted to the Gloster-Napier Schneider Trophy seaplane of 1929, a seaplane which, owing to certain technical difficulties, did not actually compete, but was known through trials to be as fast as the machines which won a triumph for Great Britain. Mr. Scott Paine will have at his disposal three engines of the same type and power.

He has been trying to challenge for the British International Trophy since 1927, and he is defraying the entire cost of this year's effort. This he estimates to be at least \$20,000.

It will be remembered that last year Lord Wakefield's boat, with two Rolls-Royce engines totalling 5,000 h.p., was beaten by the American boat of 7,800 h.p., driven by

BABE RUTH HITS FIRST HOMER OF SEASON

Sign Yankees' Contract

St. Petersburg, Fla., Mar. 24.
First proof that Babe Ruth was justified in kicking against the drastic cut in his 1933 salary was shown here to-day when the King of Swat smacked a homer in the first spring exhibition game between the New York Yankees and the Boston Braves.

The Yankee home-run hero banged out his four-ply off Bobby Brown, on the slab for the Braves.

Ruth, who last year was outdistanced in the home-run race because of illness and suspensions, signed his contract with the Yanks.—United Press.

WALTER LINDRUM IN LOVE

Engaged For Over
Six Weeks.

TENNIS HER FAVOURITE

Walter Lindrum, the record-breaking Australian billiards player, and Miss Patricia Hoskins, a beautiful Melbourne girl, who became engaged six months ago, were surprised to learn that their secret was out.

The betrothal took place in Australia, and only half a dozen friends had been aware of it. Lindrum and Miss Hoskins are hoping now to keep the wedding secret.

Miss Hoskins followed Lindrum to England in November, and they were to have been married soon after the New Year, but she fell a victim to influenza, and was in a nursing home for weeks.

Miss Hoskins, a vivacious blonde with deep blue eyes and a fresh pink complexion, is now spending her time exploring the London shops and watching her fiancé play billiards.

Miss Hoskins is Lindrum's keenest fan. She probably knows more than any other billiards enthusiast about the style and methods which have made her fiancé the world's leading player.

Wedding in Six Weeks.

But Miss Hoskins does not play billiards. Tennis is her favourite game. "One of us plays well enough for both," she said to a Daily Express representative recently, "so I leave the playing to him, and just watch him win."

Lindrum said: "We intend to get married in about six weeks or so, but we are still going to try to keep that an absolute secret. "Our honeymoon will be a little delayed. We intend to take a trip to South Africa in June."

Walter Lindrum holds several world's records including that of the highest break of 4,137, made in 1932. He also holds the record of having scored a thousand points in thirty-three minutes.

Mr. Gar Wood.

In 1930 Mr. Scott Paine in Miss Britain I took the "Detroit News" trophy. He thus gained the first American international trophy to be taken out of the United States.

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The Arsenal secured from Plymouth Argyle Edwin Bowden, who can play at either centre forward or inside right.

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Mr. Robert Jack, the Plymouth Argyle manager, who is the father of the Arsenal inside forward whom Bowden will presumably supplant, has been in conference with the Arsenal secretary on several occasions recently, and a transfer had been expected for some time.

Bowden, who is Cornish-born, spent the years with Plymouth Argyle and was regarded as a versatile forward. He is 35 years old, and has played in the Arsenal colours for several seasons. He has been a member of the Arsenal team for several years, and has been a member of the Arsenal team for several years.

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"Government Offices And Things"

(Continued from Page 5.)

I was glad I didn't go there, because I had the extraordinarily good fortune to be appointed almost immediately to the most popular of all Government Offices—one of those dear delightful Dickens-like Departments that Boy Clerks dreamed about. This Department was a branch of the Admiralty, but for some reason or other the Admiralty couldn't be bothered with it and dumped it on the Board of Trade for administrative purposes while retaining for themselves disciplinary control. Naturally the Board of Trade regarded this as an intolerable affront and thrust the Department forth from its care. They gave it a separate Departmental name and left it to find its office accommodation where it could, with the proviso that it should be as far as possible from the Board of Trade. (Laughter). The only accommodation available was in the basement of the Custom House, close to the Tower of London.

Apart from the landlardy control exercised by the Custom House, subject to the administrative control of the Board of Trade and the disciplinary control of the Admiralty, there was a certain measure of departmental control claimed by the Fisheries Board, though it was never very clearly defined. Also a very exclusive body of charming old gentlemen, mostly admirals, belonging to a kind of Masonic Lodge called The Elder Brethren of Trinity House stirred themselves into activity when, on rare occasions, we fell foul of their Trinitarian principles.

Salary Complications.

You must realise that all these Departments were concerned only with our official activities. Other Departments interested themselves in our personal affairs. The Treasury controlled the salaries of the permanent staff and the Civil Service Commissioners those of the non-pensionable grades. Now this control of pay was no light matter. You might suppose that a man getting £360.0.0 per annum would get £30.0.0 per month; but he didn't. He got just so much a proportion of his annual salary each month as the number of days from the 23rd of one month to the 23rd of the next bore to the number of days in the year (Laughter). Leap Year was the very devil. (Laughter). This was not the only complication in pay, because although we only worked till five o'clock we were paid for working till eight o'clock (Laughter). The reason for this was that during the Crimean War this Department was subjected to undue strain and was put by order on overtime. Anything done by order in a Government Office is a serious matter. It cannot be undone except by another order and so many Departments had become mixed up in the control of our Department since the Crimean War that not one of them would assume the responsibility of issuing an order. (Laughter).

They merely "observed with regret" or "felt it incumbent to point out" or "had the honour to convey the strong disapproval of" and all that kind of subtle flattery, but none was sure which of them had authority to issue an order, so

they agreed to call it a draw and left us on our Crimean overtime. You might suppose that an Office of this kind could lend little personality to the conception of Government. As a fact our Department had more personality than the whole of Whitehall. At first sight it looked like the counting-house of Dombey and Son. At second sight the impression was confirmed. (Laughter).

Seventy-five per cent of the staff had long white beards and belonged to a class called Temporary Writers, long since extinct. They were so temporary that some of them had been there fifty years. The doyen was an aged man named Salter. Those of you—most of you, in fact—who hang around the bar of the Hong Kong Club must have noticed a fine steel engraving at the entrance entitled 'The Banquet of the Peninsular Veterans'. Underneath is a key plan, one of those things where all the faces are left unintelligently blank and numbered—a very excellent idea by the way, that might well be applied to photographic groups of people who play golf. (Laughter).

The plan would so often show more faithful portraits than the photograph. (Loud laughter). Well, to get back to my friend Salter. It was not unusual a century ago for the artist of a picture of historical interest to include his own portrait somewhere, and a reference to the key plan on this painting will show 'The artist, Mr. Salter—modestly standing in the doorway of the banquet hall at Apsley House benignly regarding the generals of the Peninsular War.

There was another very aged and delightful Writer who was a mine of information on Theology. He would discuss for hours the essential points of difference between Predestination and Justification by Faith. He had one unfortunate failing—his life was a spirited protest against the errors and extravagances of total abstinence.

Passage Football. At five o'clock precisely the old Chief would comb his beard in a pocket mirror, clap on a high felt hat of the type made familiar by cartoons of Winston Churchill and stalk majestically to his door. Here he would remove his hat, glare at the staff and say "Good afternoon gentlemen!" This was the signal for me to lay the tea table and the next half hour or so was passed in quiet and pleasant discussion of art, literature and the drama.

After tea the Writers pattered off, each pausing at the door to say ceremoniously "Good afternoon gentlemen!" and we juniors then settled down to half an hour's football practice in the Office. (Laughter).

This office football was not peculiar to our Department. Some years ago I read in 'Blackwoods Magazine' the reminiscences of Major General Brackenbury who took up an appointment at the War Office about this time. He recorded his amazement at the afternoon tea, the literary debates, the Book

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Club and the free-for-all football scrimmages that surged along the War Office corridors after office hours. Things are not the same nowadays—I suppose they never were. The Sanitary Department here struck me as being singularly devoid of amusement during the short time I was on the Board and some of the corridors there were obviously designed for football. (Laughter).

I left the Civil Service because of Alf Simpson (Laughter). Alf was a Naval Reservist who was entitled to £6.0.0 per year in quarterly payments. Before he could draw his money he had to report at a Shipping Office with a certificate signed by some responsible person who knew him and could certify that he was still alive. Alf shipped round the Horn or somewhere and failed to report for four years. He then applied for four quarterly payments. Being called upon to explain why he had not reported himself at consulates abroad he replied that he was 'gen'ally too drunk' which seemed to me a very reasonable explanation indeed (laughter) so I ticked off his application as being all in order.

I was carpeted for passing Alf's application for four payments on the production of only one certificate.

Then I began to feel that I had better go abroad and Hong Kong seemed about as far away as I could get (Laughter).

Well, gentlemen, my time is up and I thank you for your courteous attention. We live in drab times and it is pleasant occasionally to recall more colourful days.



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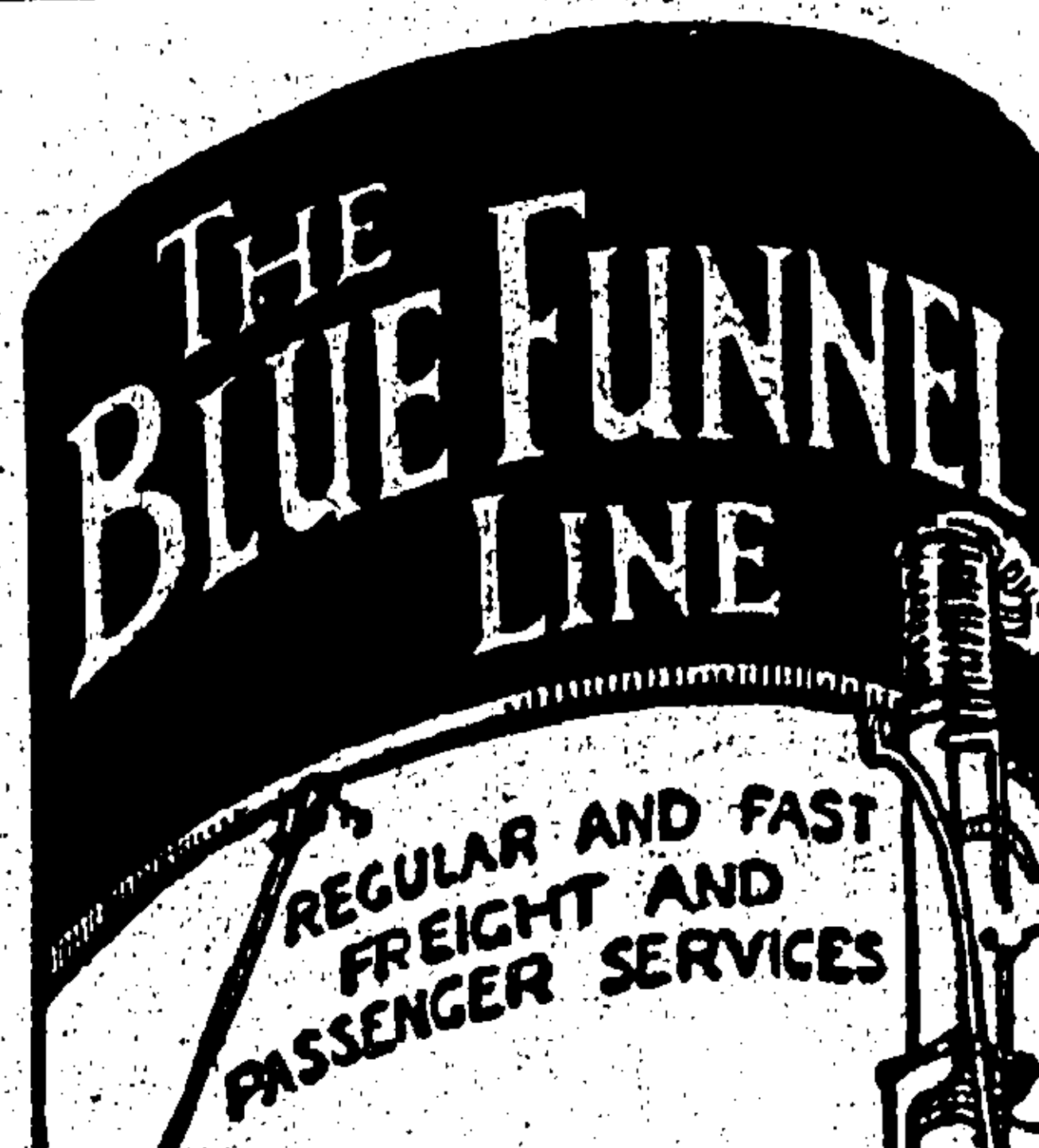
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STOCKS DECLINE ON WALL ST.

More Activity On New
York Market.

SILVER PRICES EASE AFTER ADVANCE

New York, To-day.
Stocks again showed a
downward tendency on the
New York Stock Market,
yesterday, but business showed
more activity, 720,000
shares being dealt in.

In their market report, Messrs.
E. A. Pierce and Company,
through their local agents,
Messrs. Asia Lands, Limited,
state:—

"Industrial issues are acting bet-
ter than rails, and it is possible that
some industrial issues will show a
further rise. Growing interest is
being shown in commodity stocks, of
which sugar issues were a leading
example.

"In the wheat market, profit-
taking caused a reaction, but prices
rallied at the close. The cotton
market has ruled quiet but steady.

Silver prices advanced
early in the day on trading,
but eased towards the close.
Industrial averages advanced 40
to 56.09, rails slumped 44 to 24.55.
Utilities remained unchanged at
19.33, and bond fell 36 to 73.78.—
Reuter.

AIR LINER CRASH SENSATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

The body of Mr. Voss was found
lying two miles from the wreckage
of the Imperial Airways liner,
"City of Liverpool," when the
giant machine crashed in flames
20 miles north of Dixmude, Flan-
ders, on March 28. All 12 passen-
gers and three crew were killed.
The funeral of Mr. Voss was ar-
ranged to take place on April 3,
but the police stopped the cere-
mony in order to hold an enquiry.
—Reuter.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SERIOUSLY ILL

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Sir Geoffrey Salmond, K.C.B.,
K.C.M.G., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the
new Air Chief Marshal was Air Of-
ficer Commanding-in-Chief, Air Defence
of Great Britain from 1931 until his
present appointment. In 1922 he was
Director General of Supply and Re-
search, Air Ministry, and Air member
Supply and Research, Air Council
1922-27. From 1927 to 1931 he was
Air Officer Commanding Royal Air
Force, India.

\$150 FOR "HORRIBLE DREAMS"

Seattle, Washington.
Twelve-year-old Mary Young
who was bitten by a monkey two
years ago, sued the owner, saying
that she had had "horrible
dreams" of monkeys ever since.
The jury awarded her \$150
damages.—Reuter.

LIGHTHOUSE GIRL TO MARRY.

"Ideal Life" Becomes
Lonely.

Sydney.
After having lived all her life in
lighthouses on the coast of New
South Wales above the rollers of the
Pacific Ocean, Miss Cecelia Amelia
Berryman, 23, is to take the plunge
into the sea of matrimony.

Miss Berryman found that life on
a lighthouse gave her all she want-
ed. She never smoked, she never
drank, she never "did up" her face,
she made all her own clothes.

But life changed when she met a
young man at Palm Beach, not far
from the Barrenjoey Lighthouse, in
which she lived.

She suddenly found that the
lighthouse was lonely. So the
banns are out.

"Yes," she said. "I'm going to
miss the lighthouse and the sea, and
I suppose it will be strange living
in a cottage.

"But I'll be near the sea, as we
are going to live at Palm Beach for
a while."

And her father, sun-tanned, John
G. Berryman, more than 60 years
of age, is losing his only child.
"She was great, this kid," he said.
—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy weather with moderate
east winds, as forecasted in the re-
port issued from the Royal Obser-
vatory this morning.

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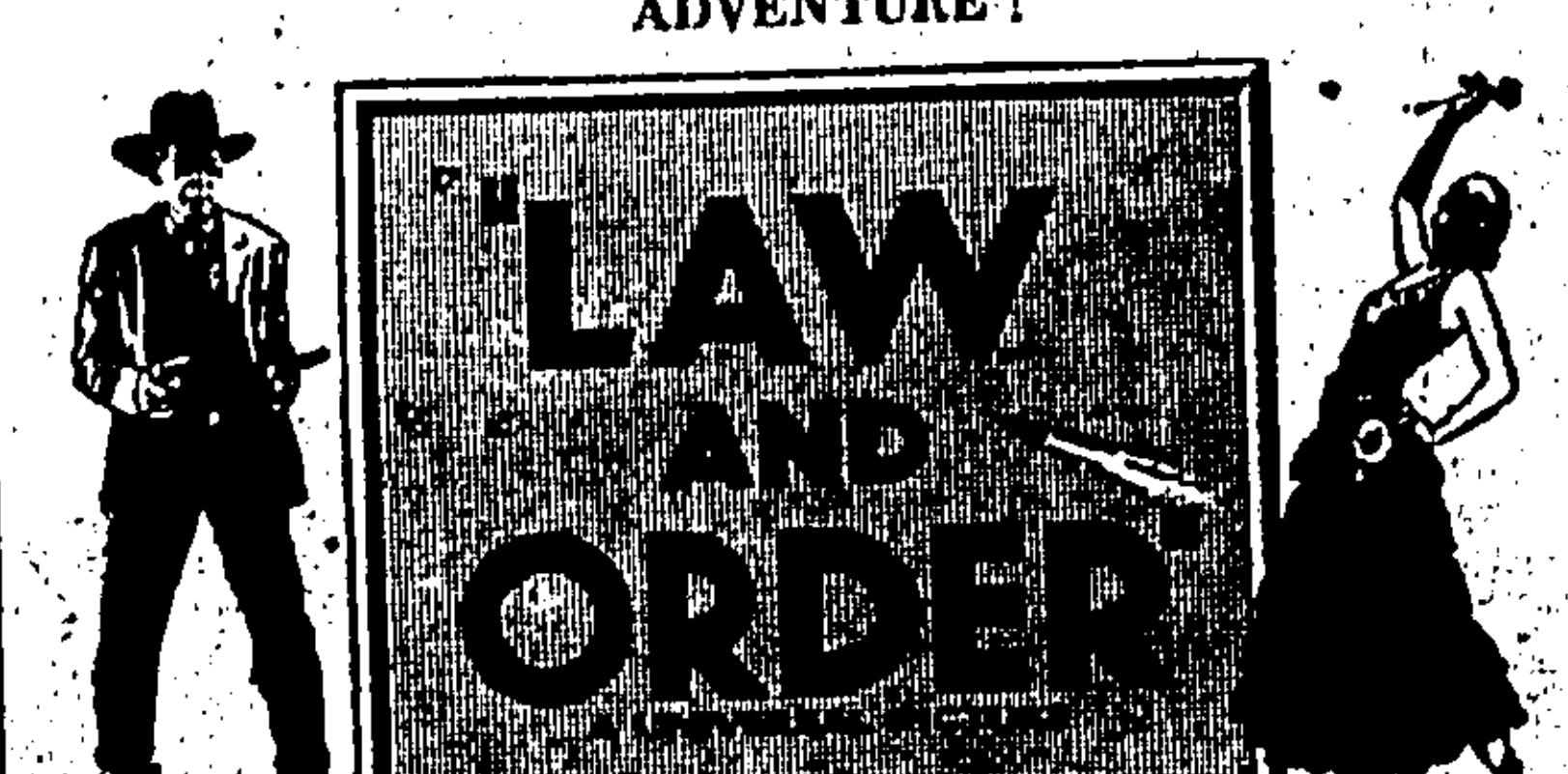
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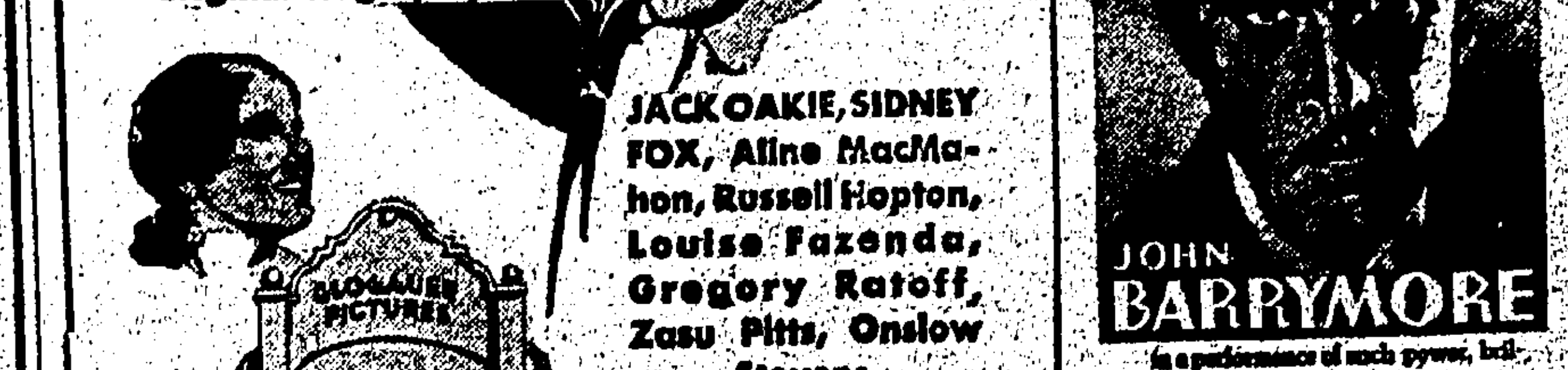
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